

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a neoplastic disease or disorder ~~characterized by having~~ cells expressing CD40 in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal ~~a therapeutically effective amount of a CD40 agonist in combination with a CD20 binding agent~~ an effective amount of a combination of a CD40 specific binding agent and a CD20 specific binding agent, wherein said combination is sufficient for therapeutically effective treatment of said neoplastic disease or disorder in said mammal.
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the neoplastic disease or disorder is a hematological malignancy.
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the neoplastic disease or disorder is a solid tumor.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the malignancy is a lymphoma.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the lymphoma is a non-hodgkins type lymphoma.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the malignancy is a myeloma.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 6 wherein the malignancy is a multiple myeloma.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the malignancy is a leukemia.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the CD40 ~~agonist~~ specific binding agent is an antibody.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10 wherein the monoclonal antibody ~~has the binding characteristics of monoclonal antibody S2C6, wherein S2C6 comprises the V_L amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 and the V_H amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7 of WO 00/75348~~ is the monoclonal antibody secreted by the hybridoma having ATCC[®] Accession No. PTA-110.

12. (Canceled) ~~The method according to claim 10 wherein the monoclonal antibody competes for binding of CD40 with the monoclonal antibody S2C6, wherein S2C6 comprises the V_L amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 and the V_H amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7 of WO 00/75348.~~

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the CD20 binding agent is an antibody.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13 wherein the CD20 binding agent is a monoclonal antibody.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14 wherein the monoclonal antibody is ~~rituximab~~ the monoclonal antibody produced by the transfectoma having ATCC[®] deposit number 69119.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9 wherein the CD20 binding agent is an antibody.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein the CD20 binding agent is a monoclonal antibody.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17 wherein the CD20 binding agent is ~~rituximab~~ the antibody produced by the transfectoma having ATCC® deposit number 69119.

19. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising in an amount effective for the treatment of a neoplastic disease or disorder characterized by cells expressing CD40: (a) a CD40 specific agent; (b) a CD20 specific agent and (c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising (a) a CD40 specific agent; (b) a CD20 specific agent and optionally, (c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

21. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of an autoimmune disease or disorder characterized by cells expressing CD40 in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a CD40 specific agent in combination with a CD20 specific agent.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein the autoimmune disease is rheumatoid arthritis.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein the autoimmune disease is systemic lupus erythematosus.

24. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 21 wherein the CD40 specific agent is an antibody.

25. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

26. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25 wherein the monoclonal antibody has the binding characteristics of monoclonal antibody S2C6.

27. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25 wherein the monoclonal antibody competes for binding of CD40 with the monoclonal antibody S2C6.

28. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24 wherein the CD20 specific agent is an antibody.

29. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 28 wherein the CD20 specific agent is a monoclonal antibody.

30. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 29 wherein the monoclonal antibody is C2B8.

31. (Canceled) ~~The method according to claim 1, wherein the CD40 agonist promotes the interaction between CD40 and CD40 ligand (CD40L).~~

32. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said CD40 specific agent and said CD20 specific agent are administered simultaneously.

33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said CD40 specific agent and said CD20 specific agent are administered separately.